ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to efficiently perform a series of processing including washing in which, for example, different types of clothes or a large volume of clothes etc. are washed and thereafter arranged in order. The clothes etc. are sortably stored in a washing basket (A) for storing the clothes etc. hung on hangers by hanging them vertically, a washing basket (B) for storing the clothes etc. hung on hangers by stacking them horizontally, and a washing basket (C) for storing the clothes etc. by folding them up and stacking them on each other. Pre-processing is performed such that after these washing baskets have been charged into a pre-processing chamber (1) and the pre-processing chamber (1) has been evacuated to remove gases such as air contained in clearances in the clothes etc., deaerated washing fluid is introduced into the pre-processing chamber (1) to immerse the clothes etc. in the washing fluid. Subsequently, washing processing is performed such that the washing basket is transferred into a washing chamber (2), dissolved gases are removed while the washing fluid is circulated, and at the same time, ultrasonic waves are put out to perform ultrasonic washing. Then, post-processing is performed such that after the washing processing has been finished, the washing basket is transferred into a post-processing chamber (3) to rinse the clothes etc. All of the above-described processing is performed automatically.